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Office Action Summary

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CHOI, BYEONG-DAE

Examiner

Matthew E. Warren

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on June 2, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Prior Art Figures 2 and 3F (APAF) in view of Kakuda et al. (US 5,162,933).

In re claim 1, APAF 2 and 3F show an array substrate for a liquid crystal display device, comprising a substrate (22) a plurality of gate lines (25) arranged transversely on the substrate; a plurality of data lines (27) disposed orthogonal to the plurality of gate lines. A plurality of thin film transistors is formed on the substrate adjacent to intersections of the gate lines and the data lines. Each thin film transistor includes a gate electrode (32), a gate insulation layer (41), an active layer (45), an ohmic contact layer (47), a source electrode (33) and a drain electrode (35). A plurality of pixel electrodes (17) are disposed at pixel regions (P) defined by the intersections of the gate lines and the data lines wherein each pixel electrode connected to a corresponding one of the drain electrodes. A metal layer (28) is formed at peripheral portions of the drain electrode to extend from the pixel electrode. The APAF shows all of the elements of the claim except the metal layer formed on an entire surface of each of the data lines.

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Kakuda et al. shows (figs. 3 and 4) an LCD device having data line 11b with a metal layer formed on the entire surface. With such a configuration, the materials of the data line provide a light blocking function, have good heat resistance, may lower the electrical resistance, and help simplify the manufacturing process because the data line can be formed simultaneously with the pixel electrode (col. 6, line 61 – col. 7, line 29). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the data line of the APAF by forming a metal layer on the entire data line as taught by Kakuda to provide a light blocking data line having good heat resistance, a specified electrical resistance, and a reduced manufacturing steps.

In re claims 2 and 11, the APAF shows (fig. 3B) that the gate insulation layer (41) is disposed on the gate electrode or a plurality of gate electrodes as shown in figure 2.

In re claim 3, the APAF shows (fig. 3B) that the active layer (45) is disposed on the gate insulation layer, and the ohmic contact layer (47) is disposed on the active layer.

In re claim 4, the APAF (fig. 3F) shows that the source electrode (33) and the drain electrode (35) are disposed on the ohmic contact layer.

In re claims 5 and 6, the APAF shows (fig. 2) that the source electrode extends from one of the data lines and the drain electrode extends from one of the pixel electrodes.

In re claim 7-10, the APAF discloses [0009] that the drain electrode and source electrode include at least a transparent conductive material (ITO). Each data line includes at least the transparent conductive material (ITO). Each pixel electrode (17)

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includes the transparent conductive material (ITO). The transparent conductive material is selected from a group including indium tin oxide, indium zinc oxide, zinc oxide, tin oxide, and indium oxide.

In re claim 12, Kakuda discloses (col. 7, lines 8-28) that the materials of the metal layer are selected from the group including Au, Ag, Cu, and Al.

In re claim 14 and 15, the APAF shows (fig. 3F) that the metal layer (28) is formed at peripheral portions of the plurality of pixel electrodes and at peripheral portions of the drain electrode.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed with respect to claims 1-14 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant primarily asserts that the motivation to combine Kakuda et al. with the APAF 2 and 3F is not proper. The examiner believes that the motivation is proper and that the cited references show all of the elements of the claims. As stated in the rejection above, column 6, line 61- column 7, line 29 disclose the motivation for forming the metal layer on the surface of the data lines. In column, 7 lines 8-29, Kakuda discloses the specific benefits of using metal materials such as aluminum or molybdenum as part of the data lines, gate lines, light blocking layers, etc. Apparently, molybdenum is suitable as a wiring material because of its heat resistance and its workability by chemical etching. In column, 7, lines 44-67, Kakuda discloses the known practice of forming laminated matrix lines of ITO and metal in an active matrix LCD device to reduce the resistance of the lines. Although col. 6, line

61- col. 7, line 7 specifically discloses the invention's benefits as they pertain to the active matrix as a whole, the benefits still pertain to the data line portion as well because the data line is a part of the LCD active matrix. The lines that have been recited in this argument show specific benefits for the use of a metal layer on the data lines and thus show proper motivation for combining with the APAF. Therefore, the cited references show all of the elements of the claims and this action is made final.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew E. Warren whose telephone number is (571) 272-1737. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternating Fri 9:00-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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August 28, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

TOM THOMAS
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER